



# Department of Health and Human Services

**Center for Faith-Based and  
Community Initiatives**



EMPOWERING AMERICA'S GRASSROOTS

## **Purpose of the Initiative**

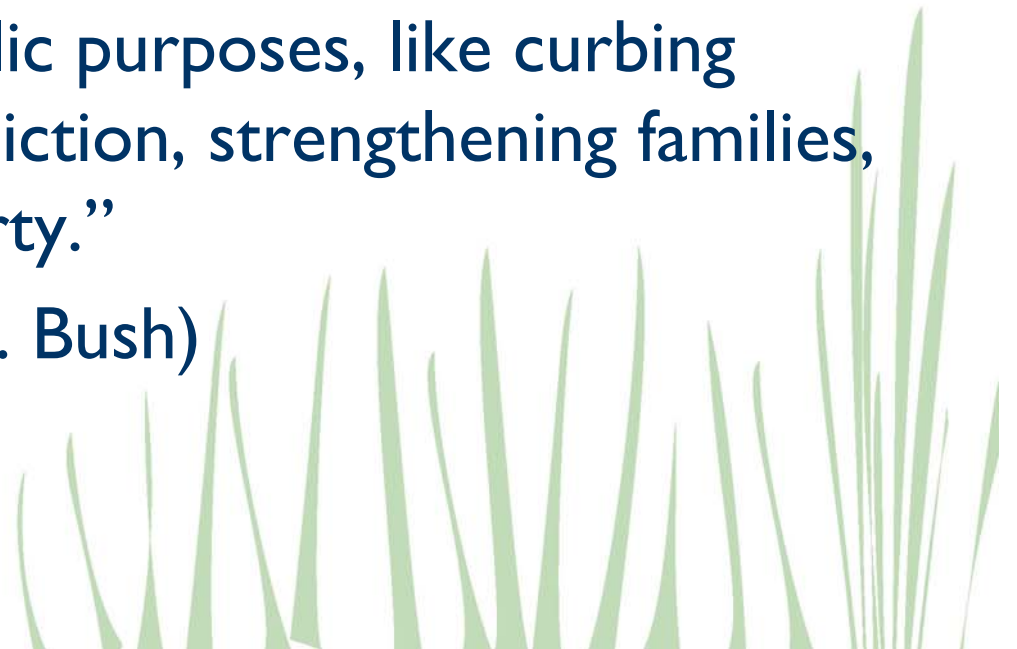
- To strengthen and expand the role of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) in addressing the nation's social problems.
- To level the playing field for faith-based and community organizations competing for Federal funds.



## President's Priority

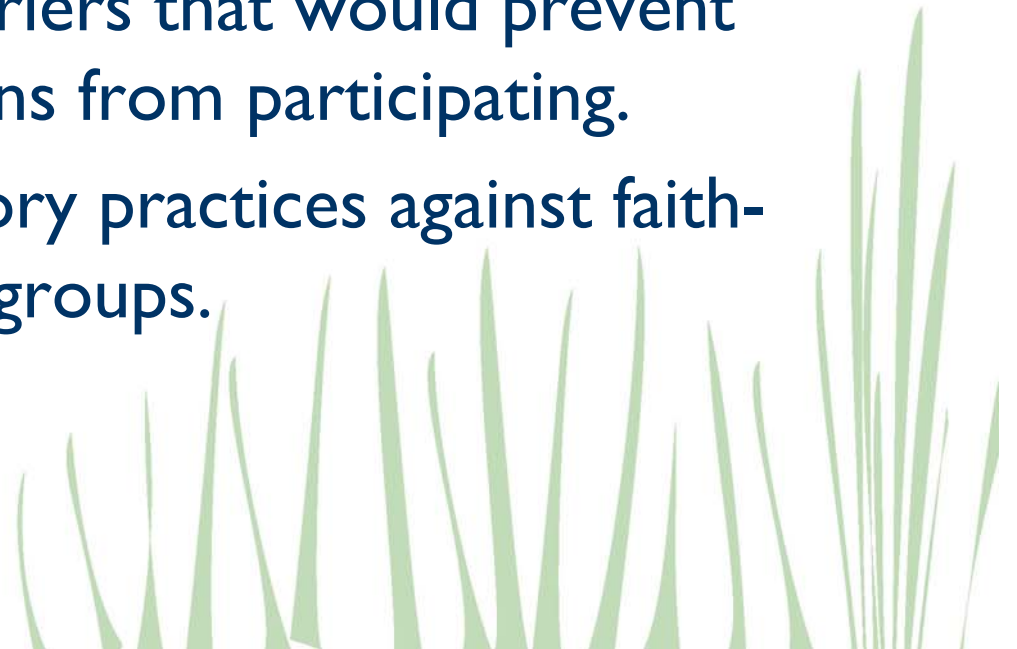
“The paramount goal is compassionate results, and private and charitable groups, including religious ones, should have the fullest opportunity permitted by law to compete on a level playing field, so long as they achieve valid public purposes, like curbing crime, conquering addiction, strengthening families, and overcoming poverty.”

(President George W. Bush)



## Initial Accomplishments

- Directed Federal department and agencies to treat religious and secular charities equally when awarding Federal money
- Eliminated internal barriers that would prevent faith-based organizations from participating.
- Eliminated discriminatory practices against faith-based and community groups.



## Continued Success

- There are Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) in 11 Federal agencies
- Governors from 35 States and over 100 Mayor's offices across the country have established local Faith-based and Community Initiatives



## **Our Mission at Health and Human Services' Faith-Based and Community Initiative**

- To empower faith-based and community organizations to compete more effectively for Federal funds so that they may provide better human services to more people



## Common Misconception

- CFBCI has a “Faith-Based Money Pot” and freely distributes money to faith-based organizations.
  - CFBCI does NOT award any grants or make any decisions in deciding who receives funding
  - CFBCI IS a **resource** to faith-based and community organizations



# HHS Equal Treatment Regulations

- Faith-based organizations may offer religious activities to those being served by the directly funded program, but three requirements must be followed.

All religious activities must be:

- Separate in time or location from federally-supported activities
- Voluntary for clients of the federally-supported activities
- Privately funded by the organization providing the religious activity



## **What *is* allowed**

- Religious symbols
- Religious name
- Religious mission statement
- Choice of board members
- Religious activities
- Hiring based on religious preference



# Health and Human Services

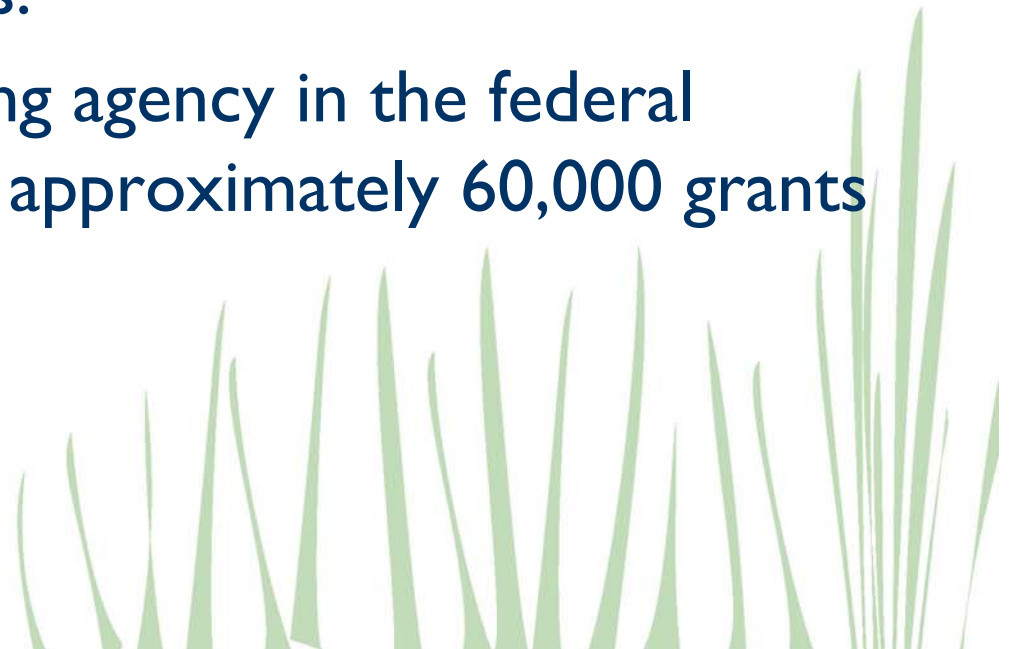
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## Overview

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## HHS Overview

- The principal government agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.
- The largest grant making agency in the federal government, providing approximately 60,000 grants per year.



## HHS Agencies

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Financial assistance and services to low-income families and preventing child abuse and domestic violence

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**ACF**

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Improving maternal and infant health

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**HRSA**

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Services for the elderly

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**AoA**

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Medicare and Medicaid

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**CMS**

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Medical and social science research

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**NIH**

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## HHS Agencies

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Comprehensive health services for Native Americans

**IHS**

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Preventing outbreak of infectious disease

**CDC**

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Assuring food and drug safety

**FDA**

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Researches health care

**AHRQ**

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Substance abuse treatment, prevention and mental health services

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**SAMHSA**

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# **Grant Opportunities within HHS**

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## Highlighted Programs

- Open Funding Opportunities:
  - Mentoring Children of Prisoners
  - Job Opportunities for Low-income Individuals
  - Head Start Innovation and Improvement Projects
  - Adoption Opportunities: Diligent Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System
  
- Potential Future Funding Opportunities
  - Compassion Capital Fund (CCF)
  - Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

# Open Funding Opportunities





## Caregiver's Choice: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

- Caregiver's Choice is a nationwide program designed to bring mentoring programs and children with incarcerated parents together, and to financially support the resulting mentoring relationships.
- Applications for Faith-based and community organizations opened March 3
- For more information and to download an application visit:  
[http://www.mentoring.org/find\\_resources/caregiverschoice/](http://www.mentoring.org/find_resources/caregiverschoice/)

# Job Opportunities for Low-income Individuals

- This program helps low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency by creating jobs to be filled by low-income individuals. Applicants must address one of the following strategy areas: new business ventures, business expansion and self-employment/micro-enterprise.
- Applications are due June 02, 2008
- For more information visit:  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html>

# Head Start Innovation and Improvement Projects

- To address the promotion of promising practices in the following areas:
  - Physical Development and Outdoor Play,
  - Grandparents Raising Head Start Grandchildren,
  - Healthcare Literacy,
  - Mental Health Intervention for Children and Families,
  - Inclusion of Children with Disabilities,
  - Infant and Toddler Online Degree,
  - and an Open Category.
- Applications are due June 09, 2008
- For more information visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OHS-YD-0025.html>

# Potential Future Funding Opportunities



# Compassion Capital Fund

- CCF builds the capacity of faith-based and community organizations by maximizing their impact as they provide social services to those in need
- CCF funds are distributed three programs:
  - Demonstration Program (Intermediaries)
  - Targeted Capacity Building Program (Mini-Grants)
  - Communities Empowering Youth (CEY)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/>

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# CCF: Five Critical Areas of Capacity-Building

Critical Areas	
<b>Leadership Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Board Composition and Function</li><li>■ Staff Professional and Career Development</li></ul>
<b>Organizational Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Board Governance</li><li>■ Systems: Management, Human Resources,</li><li>■ Policies and Procedures</li><li>■ Fiscal Controls</li></ul>
<b>Program Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Curriculum Development</li><li>■ Program Monitoring</li><li>■ Evaluating Program Outcomes</li></ul>
<b>Revenue Development Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Designing a Donor Development Strategy</li><li>■ Grant writing Training</li><li>■ Donor Tracking Software</li></ul>
<b>Community Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Community Asset Mapping</li><li>■ Community Needs Assessment</li><li>■ Leveraging Resources/Collaborative Relationships</li></ul>

# Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

- Basic Center Program
- **Purpose:** Establishes community programs that address the immediate needs of at-risk youth by providing youth with temporary shelter, food, clothing, and referrals for health care.
- **Services:**
  - Shelter
  - Food and clothing
  - Medical care
  - Counseling
  - Recreational programs
  - Aftercare services



# Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

- Transitional Living Program
- Purpose: To provide longer-term residential services to homeless youth ages 16-21
- Services:
  - Up to 18 months of residential services
  - Life and interpersonal skill building
  - Educational opportunities
  - Career counseling and job skills
  - Substance abuse and mental health counseling
  - Medical care

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci\\_rhyouth.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci_rhyouth.html)



# Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

- Street Outreach Program
- Purpose: To provide education and prevention services to street youth up to age 21 who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse
- Services:
  - Street-based education, outreach, and survival aid
  - Access to emergency shelter
  - Treatment and counseling
  - Prevention education
  - Crisis intervention
  - Follow-up support

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci\\_rhyouth.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci_rhyouth.html)

# Getting Started...



## **Before you start ...**

- Think years, not tomorrow
- Begin application before Program Announcement is released
  - WHOFBCI Grants Catalog
  - Prior program announcements
- Read Program Announcement thoroughly
  - DUNS number/CCR registration requirements
  - Eligibility requirements
- Target application to program objective
- Don't design programs around grants – look for grants that fit your program.
- Collaboration, Partnerships and Agreements

## HHS Grants Cycle

<b>Announcements</b>	After Congress passes budget – May
<b>Peer Review</b>	June – August
<b>Awards</b>	Before September 30
<b>Feedback</b>	Provided after Sept. 30

## Key Elements of a HHS Grant Announcement

Purpose	Does the grant fit the existing mission?
Eligibility	Can my organization apply?
Number of Awards	More awards, better chances
Award Amount	Higher amount, more capacity needed
Number of Years	Length of government partnership

## Resources

- White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov)
  - Grants Catalog
  - Guidance for FBCOs Partnering with the Federal Government
  - Quiet Revolution Report
- HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: [www.hhs.gov/fbc](http://www.hhs.gov/fbc)
  - Contact Information
  - Events and Conferences
  - Current Funding Opportunities at HHS
- Virginia Faith-based and Community Liaison  
<http://www.dss.state.va.us/community/faith.html>

# HHS CFBCI Mailing List

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## The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) welcomes the participation of faith-based and community organizations as essential partners in assisting our country's neediest citizens. CFBCI empowers faith-based and community organizations to compete more effectively for Federal funds so that they may provide better human services to more people.



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### In the Spotlight



#### "White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conferences"

[Indianapolis, IN](#) November 5-6  
[Los Angeles, CA](#) November 27-28

#### "Department of Education Technical Assistance Workshops"

[Durham, NC](#) October 23

### Featured Programs

- [Compassion Capital Fund](#)
- [Mentoring Children of Prisoners](#)
- [Access to Recovery](#)

### Items of Interest

[Resources for Victims of Hurricane Katrina](#)

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## More Grant Resources

- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/)
- [www.acf.hhs.gov/grants](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants)
- [www.hrsa.gov/grants](http://www.hrsa.gov/grants)
- [www.samhsa.gov/grants](http://www.samhsa.gov/grants)





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